

RICHARD J. HILL ARTICLES

THE PROMISE OF A RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD, THE ONLY LIGHT OF HOPE FOR HUMANITY

When we look stern facts in the face and note the billions of humanity from creation to the present time, then pass to death, breaking up the dearest family ties, and leaving behind the most precious treasures of earth, we wonder if it is all life to live or all death to die; and were it not for God's promise of a resurrection of the dead and a better life beyond this evil condition this world's drama would be a dark one.

From Bible Chronology man has been upon the earth a little more than 6,000 years and of course the any one inclined to question the Bible's statement is true. Should chronology the way is open to question, the claim of being the inspired word of God, and any one who doubts the Bible being the inspired word of God (I don't mean error that has crept into the Bible) is not in a condition of heart to be taught its deep truths not to receive the comforts of the blessed promises therein for man.

The resurrection of the dead is the most prominent feature of God's Great Plan of Salvation. Some one foolishly said there would not be room enough on His earth for all the people, if all were resurrected who have lived upon the earth and died since creation to the present time; but such a statement is absolutely without foundation for truth.

According to Bible chronology 6,000 years would reach from the creation of Adam down to A. D. 1872. Now for the purpose of making a mathematical calculation of the human race and for the purpose of avoiding fractions we will compute the number of all possible persons that have ever lived on earth from Creation down to A. D. 1872, a period of 6,000 years.

Get your pencil and paper and let us assume that it is 6,000 years since the creation of man and that there were as many persons created at the beginning as there are now (taking our stand as the year 1872) the estimated population of the earth, at that time, was fourteen hundred million (1,400,000,000). As a matter of fact the human race began with only one pair. And further, let us suppose that there never were fewer than 1,400,000,000 at any time during the 6,000 years (but as a matter of fact the population of earth to only eight persons). Again let us be liberal and estimate three generations to a century or 33 years to a generation (though according to Genesis there were but 11 generations from Adam to the flood, a period of 1656 years or about 150 years to each generation). Now let us see, 6,000 are 60 centuries, 3 generations to each century would give us 180 generations since Adam; and 1,400,000,000 to a generation would give 252,000,000,000 as the total number of our race from creation down to 1872, according to this very liberal estimate, which is certainly more than twice the actual number. The present population of earth to date is estimated to be about 1,600,000,000 but our very liberal estimate and calculations of the human race from creation to 1872 should more than convince the reasonable minded that the estimated 200 millions more persons since 1872 to date can easily be provided for in the resurrection.

Where shall we find room enough for this great multitude? Let us measure the land and sea. The State of Texas contains 277,000 square miles. There are 27,878,400 square feet in a square mile, and therefore 6,607,180,000 square feet in Texas. Allowing 10 square feet as the surface covered by each dead body, we find that Texas, as a cemetery, would as our exaggerated estimate of the number of persons that have ever lived upon the earth, persons standing occupy, on an average, about one and two thirds feet of space. At this rate the population of earth, at present, could stand on an area of 88 square miles, an area less than that of the city of London and Philadelphia. And the Island of Ireland (area of 38,000 square miles) would furnish standing room for more than twice the number who have ever lived on earth, even at our exaggerated estimate.

There is not much difficulty, my friend, in settling the question as to room for the resurrected dead. And when we recall to mind the prophecy of Isaiah (35:1-6) that the earth shall yield her increase, that the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose, and that in the wilderness shall waters break out and streams flow in the deserts, we see that God indicates that He has foreseen all the necessities of His Plan, and will make ample provision for the needs of all the resurrected dead in what will seem a very natural way. I beg to remind you that all these modern conveniences, labor saving devices, plans for irrigating the deserts, are all A. B. C. principles to be perfected during the day of restitution of man. This day of restitution or judgment day, which is 1000 years long, is the time God has set apart to restore all the willing and obedient of the human race to that perfection from which Father Adam fell more than 6000 years ago. God has not judged and will not judge the world as a whole individually, for life everlasting or death everlasting until His set time, the day judgment.

ment—Restitution or Millennial Day the term Judgment Day, Millennial Day or Day of Restitution mean one and the same thing. It is only when the different ways in which God will manifest Himself to the world of mankind during that blessed period is considered that the different names for that period are mentioned. For instance, when we think and read of the awarding of blessings for obedience and the administering of stripes for disobedience we term that period the Judgment Day. When we think and read of man (the willing and obedient) being restored to all that was lost in Father Adam we call that period the time of Restitution; and when we think and read of the length of time required to do this work we term it the Millennium or a period of 1,000 years.

As we have stated in previous issues, the Lord has not been dealing with any one, during this Gospel Age, but the body members of Christ, the Little Flock, the Bride of Christ, and her maid, the Great Company. In other words the work to be done during this Gospel Age has been and is the selection of the officers to rule and govern the world in righteousness during the Judgment Day.

For the purpose of giving you



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ome idea as to the character of Jehovah God, we will give him credit or having, at least, as much sympathy, love and justice as the best of fallen humanity. My friend, put this question square to yourself and get some idea of Jehovah's character. Take a case like this where poor man or woman is the offspring of parents very low in the scales morally and further that this poor man or woman was raised under very immoral conditions. You can readily understand that the natural bent of such individual would be downward. Now there is within your power to grant to this individual everlasting life or death eternal could you out of your heart of hearts feel justified in passing the most severe sentence upon this poor individual who is a victim of circumstances over which he or she has no control? I say could you consistently decree such a sentence without first uplifting such individual physically, mentally and morally? I believe the very first thing you would do would be to strike down the evil influences that tend to drag this poor person downward. I believe that, you would see to it that this individual was equipped physically, mentally and morally to make a good and successful fight for everlasting life. I feel sure that you would see to it that if such individual did not gain life everlasting it would be because he or she willfully, intelligently and in opposition to all needed help, decide to go the way of death everlasting. I further believe Dear Friend if it was in your power you would be glad to give every creature on earth everlasting life, provided they lived clean and Godly lives. I am sure you would rejoice to bring all the broken families of earth together in one grand and happy band. I believe this is the true sentiment of the Godly inclined individual. Unfortunately the majority of the Clergy have ignorantly been the most active agents of the Adversary in that they have taught the people that God's plan is to save all who will be saved during this Gospel Age and the rest of humanity to be consigned to an eternity of torture by fire proof devils. They have been teaching the people that the Lord has said in so many words you poor depraved sinners (notwithstanding the fact that you have inherited tendencies to sin and that you were born and reared under

Christ shall be made alive." 1 Cor. 15:22.

There are to be two destructions a first and a second. The electors, the Little Flock, are to have part in the first or chief resurrection at the close of the Gospel Age in order to be with the Lord and help judge the world in righteousness during the Judgment Day. There is a blessed portion. Blessed and Holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection. Rev. 20:6. The Church, the Little Flock, the electors shall be partakers of the Divine Nature."—2 Peter 1:4. After the first resurrection is completed and the Judges, Christ and His Bride, take their seats then at their command, the door to the Prison House of Death must fly wide open and let the billions of Satan's captives come forth to judgment. "The hour is coming in which all that are in their graves shall hear His voice and shall come forth unto resurrection shall live."—John 5:28. The proper rendition in John 5:28-29 is that those who have done evil will be resurrected by judgment, stripes, discipline and does not say resurrected to damnation as it stated in the King James' Version.

We have much to be thankful for in these closing days of the Gospel Age when the lights of God's Plan of Salvation is shining as never before. We are so glad that the Judgment Day is a time for the blessing and uplifting of all the willing and obedient and not a time when the literal earth shall be literally burned up. During that day "times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord."—Acts 3:19-21; "The earth shall yield her increase."—Psa. 67:6; "The inhabitants of earth shall not say I am sick."—Isaiah 33:6. "The eyes of the blind shall be opened and the ears unstopped." (Isaiah 35:5). In conclusion, I beg to remind all unfaithful servants and those who know not the truth and who spend most of their time advancing their own selfish plans, that the millions you have preached into error and into Heaven and into a burning Hell will soon condemn you in the resurrection day when they return and have no story to tell of being in a Heaven of Bliss or a Hell of fire storking with fire proof devils. There is positively no Scriptural grounds for the false idea that, dur-

ing this Gospel Age, all good people at death, go to a Heaven of Bliss and the bad ones go to Hell to burn forever. As a matter of Scripture fact both the just and the unjust go to the great Prison House of death to wait the resurrection or Judgment Day at which time the just will be rewarded with everlasting life and the unjust be given a most favorable trial and a chance to gain life everlasting by submitting to the rules of the New Covenant which will then be in operation.

Let us take Jehovah at His word when He tells us in plain Scripture statement what the condition of the dead is. If we take Him as His word, Gen. 2:17; Rev. 6:23; Eccl. 9:5-10 all will be clear.

(Open for Questions at all times) RICHARD J. HILL.

PROMINENT TULSA WOMAN DIES SUDDENLY

Two Deaths Occur in One Family in Two Days

Mrs. Lizzie Cherry, wife of Constable James Cherry, pioneer citizen of Tulsa, died suddenly at her home on North Greenwood Sunday morning. Heart trouble, aggravated by the recent death of her daughter, is considered the cause of her demise. At the time of her death she was administering to a sick grand child, the infant daughter of her son, Manuel Cherry. Monday, the child also died and was buried with its grand mother Tuesday.

Mrs. Cherry had many friends in this city and was highly connected in fraternal circles.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon from the C. M. E. Church of which she was a devoted member.

State News Letter

According to a statement issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission, that notwithstanding an increase in revenues from rates of 14.6 percent over the corresponding month in 1919, the amount of income after paying expenses of 66 telephone companies scattered over the United States, during August, show a decrease of 29.2 percent.

A bill has been introduced in the U. S. Senate by Mr. Frelinghuysen to fix the metric system of weights and measures as the single standard.

Recently the Muskogee O Electric Company conducted a contest among the pupils of the Muskogee High School for the best written essay on the subject, "Conservation of Gas." Out of the several hundred papers submitted Louis Silverman won the first prize, Emily Butz second prize and Carter Allinder third prize. The contest was a feature of the gas conservation campaign, which is being promoted in natural gas territories because of the diminishing supply of natural gas.

The valuation case of the Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co., and the Muskogee Gas and Electric Co., was continued on Friday and Saturday, before the Corporation Commission. Their application to have a valuation set is for the purpose of refinancing to secure money for extensions and betterments.

The telephone rates effective January 1, 1921, at Kingfisher are as follows: Business telephones, 83 a month; business extension telephones 75 cents a month; 1 party residence telephone, \$1.75 a month; residence party line, \$1.50 a month; residence extension telephone, 50c

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Scene from ZANE GREY'S "DESERT GOLD"

SAGEBRUSH	SUNDAY, JANUARY 16th	FORD WEEKLY
Serial, LOST CITY, Episode 9		
SAGEBRUSH	MONDAY, JANUARY 17th	DESERT RUBY
	TUESDAY, JANUARY 18th	
TEMPEST AND SUNSHINE (A big special feature)		
Comedy—SCOUNDREL TOLL		
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19th		
THE ARYAN (Bill Hart Picture)	Comedy—FLAT BROKE	
	THURSDAY, JANUARY 20th	
GREATER SINNER	Serial—SON OF TARZAN, Episode 6	
COLORED PICTURE	FRIDAY, JANUARY 21st	Comedy—BRIGHT LIGHTS
HEARTS IN EXILE	SATURDAY, JANUARY 22nd	GOOD WESTERN
	SUNDAY, JANUARY 23rd	
DESERT GOLD	Serial, LOST CITY, Episode 10	FORD WEEKLY
DESERT GOLD	MONDAY, JANUARY 24th	LAST SHOT
	TUESDAY, JANUARY 25th	
FAITH ENDURING	HER FAME AND SHAME	
A BILL HART PICTURE	WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26th	CUT THE CARDS
	THURSDAY, JANUARY 27th	
THE TYPHOON	Serial—SON OF TARZAN, Episode 7	
A COLORED PICTURE	FRIDAY, JANUARY 28th	HE DID AND HE DIDN'T

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State of Oklahoma to J. E. Bradshaw: You will take notice that you have been sued in the above named court by the plaintiff Jimmie Bradshaw for absolute divorce setting forth as the grounds thereof, abandonment and unless you answer the petition of the plaintiff herein on or before the 18th day of February 1921, the said petition will be taken as true and judgment for said plaintiff will be rendered accordingly.

FRANCES HARVEL, Clerk of said Court. E. I. SADDLER, Atty for Plaintiff. CHAS. B. PARKER, Depty. Clerk

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